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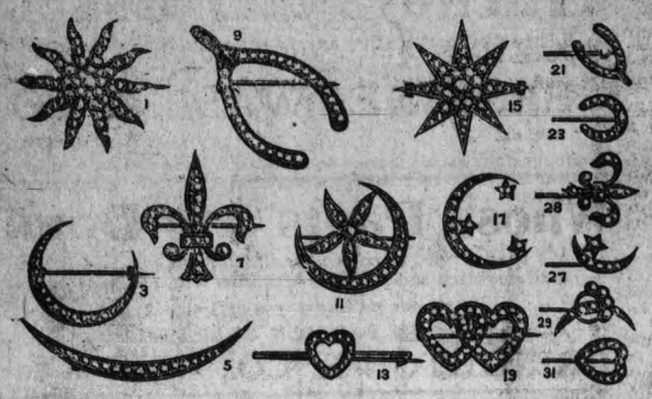

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MASCAGNI'S TOUR.

All Dates Cancelled—Attachment Made on His Personal Effects.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The American tour of Mascagni and the Italian opera company came to a sudden close to-day in this city, with the cancellation of all dates. The culmination of Mascagni's troubles came when an attachment was made on his personal effects by a constable, representing a local claimant, for $134. Mascagni is now confined to his hotel suffering from nervous prostration.

TWO FIRES.

Warehouse and Three Hundred Barrels of Oil Burned.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Standard Oil Company's warehouse, located at 17th street and the Rock Island tracks, caught fire early this morning, and the building was practically destroyed, together with 3,000 barrels of oil which it contained. The loss is about $30,000. Several explosions of oil occurred during the progress of the fire.

Flames Not Extinguished.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—A fire which has caused loss of about $1,000,000, and is still burning, broke out this morning at 1.30 o'clock in the four-story factory of the Knoxville knitting mills, on Commerce avenue.

POTATOES.
75 cents per 100 lbs.
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PAPER MAKER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22.—James Stutt, a paper manufacturer, one of the oldest residents of West Flamboro, is dead, aged 84 years.

Steamer Queen City will sail for West Coast points to-night. She spends Christmas at Clayoquot. Among the passengers who will be leaving on the vessel will be M. S. Clark, J. Milward, Mrs. Stone and M. Guillod.

The Northern Pacific liner Tacoma left Hongkong for this city on Wednesday last, after undergoing extensive repairs at the Knowloon dock.

—And the band will play where? In A. O. U. W. hall New Year's eve. Lots of dancing and a grab for the $20 Eagle.

Twelve persons are reported dead and 27 injured as the result of a railway collision in California.

ACROSS ATLANTIC WITHOUT WIRES

SUCCESS REWARDS EFFORTS OF MARCONI

The Inventor Has Received Many Congratulatory Messages on His Great Achievement.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Lord Minto has received a telegram from Marconi, at Glace Bay, N. S., station, that he sent successfully over the Atlantic by wireless telegraphy a message from the Governor-General to King Edward. Lord Minto replied to Marconi congratulating him on his success.

The King's reply to Lord Minto's message sent by wireless telegraphy was received to-day as follows:

London, Dec. 22nd.

I am much interested by the wireless message which you have sent me, and I am delighted at the success of Signor Marconi's great invention, which brings Great Britain and Canada into still closer connection.

(Signed) EDWARD R.

The following message was received by the Governor-General:

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 21st.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Ottawa:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that your message to His Majesty has now been transmitted by me from Cape Breton to Cornwall by wireless telegraphy, and has been forwarded to its destination.

(Signed) MARCONI.

Lord Minto telegraphed to Marconi as follows:

Delighted at your message, just received. Warmest congratulations on your splendid success.

(Signed) MINTO.

Marconi sent the following message to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

I have the honor to inform you that I have now established wireless telegraphy communication between Cape Breton station and Cornwall, in England, and that I have already transmitted several messages to their destinations, including one from the Governor-General to His Majesty. Permit me to congratulate you upon success, and again to thank your government for the cordiality of its encouragement and co-operation.

Hon. W. S. Fielding while in Nova Scotia intended visiting Marconi's station at Glace Bay, but was unable to do so. The minister of finance received the following telegram yesterday from Marconi:

Glace Bay, Dec. 21st.

The Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, Ottawa:

I regret you were unable to visit the station. The Governor-General sent me a message for His Majesty, which I have already been able to transmit to England by wireless telegraphy with complete success. I should be glad to send a short message from the Canadian government, if desired. I leave here shortly for my Cape Cod station.

(Signed) MARCONI.

Hon. Mr. Fielding has replied as follows:

Ottawa, Dec. 21st.

G. Marconi, Glace Bay, N. S.:

A message from the government has already been sent. Accept my warmest congratulations on the success of your great work. I rejoice that Canada has been able to co-operate with you in such a splendid achievement.

(Signed) W. S. FIELDING.

The contract which Marconi has with the Canadian government provides that ordinary messages will be ten cents a word, and that government and press messages will be five cents a word. At present it costs 25 cents a word for ordinary messages.

To British People.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 22.—The second edition of the Times to-day prints the text of a wireless message received from the Canadian government as follows:

Ottawa, Dec. 21st.

The government of Canada, through the Times, desires to congratulate the British people on the accomplishment by Marconi of the greatest feat modern science has yet achieved.

(Signed) CARTWRIGHT,
Acting Premier.

From King Victor.

Rome, Dec. 22.—King Victor Emmanuel this morning received a wireless message from Marconi forwarded from Cape Breton, via Cornwall, and sent a congratulatory reply.

Without a Hitch.

London, Dec. 22.—Representatives of the Marconi company say they have been receiving transatlantic messages for a week. They add that the messages to King Edward and others come through without a hitch and practically intantaneously. The instant the key was depressed in Nova Scotia the receiver at Poldhu, Cornwall, answered. It is calculated that the company will be able to handle 1,000 words an hour. So soon as it is able to get the post office authorities to connect Poldhu with the inland telegraph, the company will commence regular commercial business between Cornwall and Noval Scotia.

WRIT FOR BURRARD.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The writ for Burrard was sent by to-day's train.

A telegram has been forwarded to the sheriff of Dawson announcing that the law is to take its course in the capital cases of Labelle and Fournier. It will be sent by boat from Vancouver and will be repeated from Skagway.

It is stated that General Chaffee will succeed General Young as lieutenant-general of the United States army.

PLENTY OF FUNDS.

F. C. Clergue Says Company is Able to Meet Present Liabilities and Complete Works.

(Associated Press.)

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 22.—F. C. Clergue announces that as a result of negotiations in Philadelphia, the sum of $8,000,000 is now at the company's disposal to meet present liabilities and to carry to completion within the next year or so the works now under way.

SANITARIUM ON COAST.

Announcement at the Annual Meeting of National Association in Toronto.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 22.—At the annual meeting of the National Sanitarium Association held on Saturday, it was announced that after the erection at Toronto of the projected sanitarium for consumptives, which will be the third, other two being already in operation at Muskoka, a fourth will be built on the Pacific Coast.

AGED COUPLE MURDERED.

They Were Killed With An Axe—Safe Rifled.

(Associated Press.)

Almira, Wn., Dec. 22.—Judge Lewis and his wife, an aged couple, have been found murdered in their home on a lonely road six miles south of here. The motive was robbery, as the safe in which Lewis was known to have kept a large sum of money had been broken into and emptied. They had been killed with an axe, which was found near by. There is no clue to the murderer.

COL. HOLMES.

A dispatch from Ottawa states that the Militia Gazette, issued on Saturday, announces the promotion of Lieut.-Col. J. G. Holmes, D. O. C., this district, to be colonel. This honor could not be conferred on an officer more signally deserving of it, and will afford sincere gratification to the district of which Col. Holmes is in command.

COMING CONTEST.

Municipal Campaign Will Soon Be On in Earnest—Big Field of Candidates.

Three weeks from to-day the candidates for municipal honors will be nominated doubtless in the city hall as usual. Three days later polling will take place, commencing at 9 a. m. and continuing until 7.30 p. m. That the election will be one of the warmest in local history there is no doubt. Already the field of candidates is exceptionally large, and it is altogether likely that it will be considerably increased by nomination day.

It is almost certain that the entire present council will again come out, while the local Trades and Labor Council has already selected a number of candidates to bear its colors in the forthcoming contest. Not only are the laboring men to be strongly represented in the battle for aldermanic honors, but two of the members are also out for school trustee. The campaign will soon be on in all its vigor, interest being accentuated by the fact that there are two strong aspirants for Mayor. The present chief magistrate has had no opposition in the past two elections, but this year he will have the most formidable adversary that can be put in the field.

TO CONTINUE THE WORK.

Motion by Ald. McCandless Which Will Give Satisfaction to Workingmen.

Ald. McCandless has posted notice of his intention to move a resolution in council which will be hailed with the greatest satisfaction by the workingmen of the city, particularly those who were thrown out of employment by the discontinuance of the reclamation work. The motion in full is as follows:

Whereas a large amount of the money borrowed for the reclamation of the James Bay flats is still unexpended, with no immediate prospect of the work being continued;

And whereas there is in the city at the present time a considerable number of unemployed men who could be profitably engaged in the completion of the above work;

Therefore be it resolved, That the engineer be requested to report as soon as possible on the best method of filling in a strip at least 100 feet wide adjoining the retaining wall, so that the present bridge can be removed and a permanent roadway built, in accordance with the original design, with a view of furnishing employment to a number of men during the present winter.

—A trophy has been promised for the winner of a competition in decorations of the bars of the Bank Exchange and Imperial hotel. As a result men are busy at both places, which have already assumed a gala appearance. A navy officer will be selected to judge when the work is completed.

MANY LIVES LOST ON LAND AND SEA

OVER TWO THOUSAND KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Twenty-Three Dead as Result of Railway Accident—Schooners Collide—Eleven Men Perished.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from New Marghelana, Russian Turkistan, reports that the recent earthquake at Andijan killed 2,500 people in and near that city, and destroyed 16,000 houses. The rumblings continue.

The authorities so far have been unable to cope with the destitution of the starving, unsheltered people.

Railway Collision.

Byron, Cala., Dec. 21.—Ten persons were killed and 27 injured in the collision last night between the south-bound Los Angeles "Owl" and the Stockton flyer. It was a rear-end collision, the engine of the local ploughing into the rear coach of the "Owl," which was filled with passengers. After the "Owl" left the Oakland mole, a leak in the flue of the engine was noticed. This increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to change here and take a freight engine for relief. The train officials knew that the Stockton local train was following a half hour behind, and a flagman was sent back along the track to give warning of the presence of the "Owl." It is said that the Stockton train got the warning signal in due time, and gave the usual response with whistle blast. Why the train was not checked, however, has not been explained thus far, as the men who could give the facts are among the badly injured. Relief came quickly to injured passengers, and every effort was made to alleviate their sufferings. None of the passengers of the Stockton train were injured, and all of the crew of the "Owl" escaped unhurt. The dead include six men, three women and a baby.

Twenty-Three Dead.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The number of victims of the railroad collision on the Southern Pacific railway near Byron station now reaches 23 dead. There are still 21 injured survivors of the accident, and the condition of four of these is extremely critical. An official investigation as to the cause of disaster has been begun by Coroner Curry of Contra Costa county. There appears to be no doubt that the Stockton flyer which ran into the "Owl" train was signalled, and that the engineer responded with a whistle and threw on the air brakes. The question which remains open is whether or not the signal was given in time to avert the collision.

Farmer's Death.

Oakville, Ont., Dec. 22.—Henry Baker, farmer, who lived several miles from here, was burned to death on Saturday night, his charred remains being found in the ruins of his barn, which was destroyed by fire. How the accident occurred cannot be surmised, as deceased lived alone. Mr. Baker leaves two sons and two daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Remisieur, of Vancouver.

Ship on Fire.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Keeper Bailey, of the Eastern Point light, reported at 1 o'clock this morning that the vessel reported afire off Eastern Point last night was still burning. At that time she had apparently drifted a short distance to the east.

Eleven Sailors Dead.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The fishing schooner Hannahazett arrived here early to-day, having on board ten survivors of the schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Creary, which were in collision on Wednesday night off Thatcher's Island. Eleven sailors were either killed in the collision, were drowned, or died from exposure. After the accident 15 men from either vessel took to a small boat.

QUATSINO NEWS.

Settlers Unable to Locate—Boring For Coal Continues With Favorable Showing.

That Quatsino is attracting the attention of speculators is now evidenced by the scarcity of land for settling purposes. On the last coast trip of the steamer Queen City a number of men went up to the district to take up land. They looked over the country and a correspondent adds that the moneys forwarded with their applications were all refunded.

The same steamer which carried these settlers had over 40 men going to the mines. The tramway line which has been under construction for some time is now about ready for operation, and the shipping wharf will probably be finished by this time.

Boring for coal still continues. The shaft has been sunk to a depth of 80 feet, and the indications are reported very favorable.

Ned Tregone, a resident of Quatsino, is applying for a liquor license, and expects to open a saloon shortly.

—If you want a beautiful everlasting porcelain wreath, call and see them at Stewart's Granite and Marble Works, Yates street.

RESIGNS HIS OFFICE.

Ralph Smith Retires From Position of Secretary of Miners' Union at Nanaimo.

Ralph Smith, M. P. P., at a meeting of the Miners' Union in Nanaimo on Saturday evening, tendered his resignation as secretary of the union. His tenure of office is to close with the end of the present year. His reasons for resigning were fully set forth in a letter addressed to the union. In that he stated that his duties as representative of the constituency in the House of Commons were such as to render it impossible for him to satisfactorily fill the office of secretary. His absence in Ottawa for a long period each year and the work connected with the position while at home interfered with his holding the secretaryship of the union.

He also stated his disfavor with the project of joining the Western Federation of Miners, and added that nothing would please him better than to see all the coal miners on the Island properly organized.

Affiliation with the federation was at the same meeting formally put into effect, the organizer being present.

RICH MAGNETITE ORE.

The properties on Bugaboo Creek Have Been Puchased by H. E. Newton.

According to the latest reports from the West Coast the iron properties on Bugaboo creek promise to be very rich. The claims lie about nine miles from Port Renfrew, and have during the summer been well exploited. H. E. Newton held an option upon the group, and has now purchased them, so well satisfied is he with the indications upon the properties.

The ore is magnetite, and is pronounced by experts to be of very high quality. There is an absence of sulphur compounds in connection with it, which increases its value very considerably. As far as it has been examined there is a magnificent body of the magnetite, which will increase the value of the Newton properties on the West Coast to a very considerable extent.

There is being opened to the property a trail which will afford an inlet to it from Port Renfrew.

The presence of such a body of ore as that which it has been proved existed on Bugaboo creek will still further ensure the possibilities of steel works being erected. Mr. Newton is believed to be awaiting only the time when a sufficient quantity of ore will be in sight to warrant such before taking steps towards carrying this project into fulfilment.

MARRIED THIS AFTERNOON.

Mr. A. J. Dallain and Miss Downey United in Wedlock—Principals Widely Known.

At Christ Church cathedral this afternoon His Lordship Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. Canon Beanlands and Rev. W. Baugh Allen, united in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. A. J. Dallain, second son of the late Capt. F. G. Dallain, 1st Regiment, R. I. M., of Green Hills, St. Peters, Jersey, and Miss Helen Marion Downey, niece and adopted daughter of Mrs. Charles Todd.

The ceremony was quietly performed owing to recent bereavement in the family of the bride, and consequently only the relatives and intimate friends of the principals were present. The service was fully choral. The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., was attired in a grey cloth travelling dress trimmed with applique and black velvet, with large hat to match. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and wore a heart locket, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by her younger sister, Miss Belle Downey, who wore a costume of brown cloth and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She also wore a pearl pin, a present from the bridegroom.

Mr. F. Napier Denison supported the bridegroom. After the ceremony a quiet reception was held at 251 Yates street, where Mr. and Mrs. Dallain will make their home. Both the principals will receive congratulations of a large circle of friends. The bridegroom has been intimately connected with associations whose worthy objects have established for them an indisputable claim to popular recognition. He is president of the S. P. C. A., a position he has held for years. He also capably officiated as secretary of the J. B. A. A. and the Agricultural Association for several terms.

A handsome array of presents attests in a measure the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Dallain are held in Victoria and other places. Among those might be mentioned a handsome oak and silverware service from the S. P. C. A.

RECEIVED A BOUQUET.

Tourist Association Highly Complimented on "Picturesque Victoria."

The following is one of the many appreciative communications received by the Tourist Association from different parts of the country in regard to the pamphlet, "Picturesque Victoria":

Vancouver, Dec. 20th, 1902.

Herbert Cuthbert, Tourist Association, Victoria:

Dear Sir:—I am much obliged by the receipt of the beautiful pamphlets to hand, which I have mailed to friends in various parts of the world, by whom they will be interestedly perused, and I trust have some good results.

May I compliment you upon the excellent character (in every respect) of the work?

I am, yours faithfully,
W. D. BURDIS,
Secretary of the Fraser River Canners' Association, 1902.

The Tellus and Mineola, of the collier fleet, are expected from the south tomorrow. The Wyfield passed up from sea yesterday.

ROOSEVELT MAY ACCEPT THE TASK

HE WILL PROBABLY ACT AS ARBITRATOR

No Definite Statement Made, but President's Answer is Believed to Have Reached London.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—It is believed President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan trouble has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but indications point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office to arbitrate. A constant interchange of cablegrams is proceeding night and day between the United States embassy and the state department at Washington.

Washington Views.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States government is awaiting the reception of formal answers from the allied governments to the President's last suggestion that the Venezuelan dispute be referred to The Hague. So far these responses have not come to hand, but it is pretty well understood. They will hold out for arbitration of President Roosevelt himself.

Signs point to the President's ultimate acceptance of the trust, although nothing positive is yet known on this point.

The state department has learned that President Castro would welcome the selection of President Roosevelt as arbitrator, and as all the parties interested are united the pressure will be hard to resist.

Opinion varies as to the termination of the blockade of the Venezuelan ports. In some quarters it is assumed that if President Roosevelt accepts the duty of arbitrator, the allies will call off the blockade at once. On the other hand, it is pointed out that custom requires the terms of the arbitration to be accurately defined, and this will consume some time, pending which the blockade will continue.

Netherlands Neutral.

The Hague, Dec. 22.—The government of the Netherlands has decided to preserve a strictly neutral attitude on the Venezuelan trouble. Ships of the blockading powers will be prohibited from coaling at ports of the Dutch colonies.

PERSONAL.

Sergt. R. H. Walker and family returned the other day from New Westminster, where they participated in a very felicitous gathering, the celebration of the golden wedding of Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacKenzie, well known residents of Clover Valley. With the exception of the eldest son, all the surviving members of the family were present, including: H. H. MacKenzie, wife and children; R. H. Walker, Victoria, wife and children; Chas. MacKenzie, D. E. MacKenzie, wife and child; Frank J. MacKenzie and wife; R. D. MacKenzie and wife; D. H. Miller and wife; R. L. Reid and wife. There were also Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, of this city, and Alex. Anderson, of Cloverdale, first cousin and brother respectively of Mrs. MacKenzie; Mr. Chas. Spain, nephew of Mr. MacKenzie, wife and children; Mrs. A. M. Johnson, and Rev. Wm. Bell and wife. Mr. Bell, who was lately of Cloverdale, but is now stationed in Sapperton, was for many years the pastor of the aged couple. Alex. Anderson, the brother, was present also at the ceremony which took place 50 years ago.

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There arrived on the Charmer last evening a party of officials of the Victoria Terminal Railway Co. who will endeavor to have an agreement reached with the city. Some of the officials express themselves as becoming weary of the increasing complications in connection with it, and express a readiness to withdraw from the negotiations. The party now here includes John Hendry, A. E. Woods, J. Jeffrey and A. H. B. Macgowan.

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O. Harbell, of the E. & N. offices, has undergone a successful operation for appendicitis. Mr. Harbell speaks in terms of highest praise of his treatment at the Jubilee hospital, and expects to be about again by New Year.

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F. W. Goulding, superintendent of the Western Union; J. L. MacDonell, electrician for the company; and A. D. Wright, are in the city in connection with the repairs which are being made to the cable of that company.

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W. F. Fraser and A. A. McRae returned on Saturday from Portland, where they have been studying dentistry. They are home on their Christmas vacation, and will resume their course in a fortnight's time.

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R. L. Ralls and family, of California, are at the Dominion. Mr. Ralls is connected with the cattle business, and intends to enter that business in this province.

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A. B. Rombauer, assayer at the Northwestern smelter, is staying at the Dominion. He is accompanied by his wife and children.

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Chas. Tamford, proprietor of the Wilson hotel, Nanaimo, and his wife, were in the city on Saturday, guests at the Vernon hotel.

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G. Cowan, Max Leiser and M. Lenz were among the passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Charmer.

C. Doering, wife and daughter, and Chas. Watson, Vancouver, and J. M. Hudson, Montreal, are at the Imperial.

F. McMillan, wife and child, of Nana'mo, and A. Brignall, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon.

Wm. Gill, inspector of inland revenue, returned from the Mainland last evening.

Senator Templeman arrived from Vancouver last evening.

Frank V. Hobbs, of Port Renfrew, is at the Dominion.

—Waterman Fountain pens, all guaranteed and interchangeable, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

WHAT TO BUY

At Xmas time is usually a vexing question.

If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers.

If for a gentleman, what is more suitable than a pair of military hair brushes? We have a large stock to choose from, at prices which are very reasonable.

We will be pleased to show you our stock of Xmas goods, which includes, among other things, Ebony Mirrors, Manicure Sets, Curling Sets, etc., etc.

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NEARLY OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

WAITING FOR REPLY FROM ROOSEVELT

REGARDING POWERS' ARBITRATION PROPOSAL

Three Schooners Have Been Seized by Warships Since Blockade Became Effective.

London, Dec. 20.—It is confirmed here that an invitation has been sent to United States President Roosevelt to arbitrate in the Venezuelan difficulty. It seems that the proposal to submit the matter to arbitration came from the German government. The foreign office here says it has the strongest reason for believing that President Roosevelt will decline to act as arbitrator.

At Washington.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The status of the arbitration negotiations of the close of the official day, as disclosed at the state department, was that the powers were waiting for an answer from the President to their proposal, that he himself undertake to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulay.

The President's answer can only be guessed at, for the officials decline to express any opinion of their own. However, it is believed to be a fact that he will renew his suggestion that the case be submitted to The Hague tribunal, adding to the argument he has already produced, the fact that the United States having claims of its own against Venezuela to the amount of about $100,000, is a party in interest, and it would be unfair to put the President in the position of having to arbitrate his own claim. For their part, the powers bring against The Hague the argument that President Castro would feel lightly bound by any decision by this tribunal, but would feel bound by a judgment rendered by President Roosevelt.

It is stated at the state department that no matter how these propositions are disposed of, there will be no backward stem, and that an agreement of some kind, which will bring about a settlement of Venezuelan troubles, will result from the present negotiations.

The First Prize.

Caracas, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Indefatigable has made the first prize under the blockade, capturing the Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was going to Higuroeta, a seaport in the province of Mirada. The Julia's cargo, by the irony of fate, belongs to the German firm of Blohm, which has lodged a protest with the United States consul.

Schooners Seized.

La Guayra, Dec. 20.—The Trinidad schooners Mercedes and Imaculado, belonging to a French subject, but flying the Venezuelan flag, tried to leave this port to-day, and were seized by the British cruiser Tribune. A commissioner boarded the Tribune and explained to her commander that no notification of the blockade had been given before the schooners cleared, and claimed also that the cargo belonged to foreign subjects. The commander of the Tribune refused to release the Mercedes and Imaculado, saying that he was obeying his superior's orders.

Germany's Decree.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The German government to-day published a decree embodying the conditions of the blockade of Germany's portion of the Venezuelan coast. In it the ports of Porto Cabello and Maracaibo are declared to be under blockade, beginning December 20th.

IF YOUR PHYSICIAN prescribes a milk diet, for its easy digestibility, it will be well to use Borden's Peerless Brand Evaporated Cream to get a rich, deliciously flavored milk food, perfectly sterilized, according to latest sanitary methods. For general household uses. Prepared by Borden's Condensed Milk Co.

BIRTH OF A PRINCE.

London, Dec. 20.—The Princess of Wales gave girth to a son to-night. Both mother and child are doing well.

"500 PEOPLE BADLY BENT" have in effect used these words in speaking of the curative qualities of South American Rheumatic Cure—"My legs were crippled"—"My hands were distorted"—"My joints were swollen"—"My back was bent double"—"My pain was excruciating"—"Bedridden for years." This great remedy has been the heaven-sent agent that worked a permanent cure. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—130.

The market house at Charlottetown, P. E. I., was burned to the ground on Wednesday. The loss is $10,000, with insurance of $5,000.

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THE CAMPAIGN IN NORTH VICTORIA

OPPOSITION IS SOLID IN THIS CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Paterson Had Rousing Meeting in Saanich School House on Saturday Night.

In an outburst of enthusiasm a few days ago the morning paper naively observed that the government candidate for North Victoria had "victory in his eye." But after Saturday night's meeting in the Saanich school house it was quite apparent that if victory ever enjoyed a brief sojourn in that ocular locality it has moved. Full of the optimism of youth Mr. Robertson expressed the opinion that there was a majority in his favor at the gathering. With refreshing frankness he admitted that it was small, but asserted, nevertheless, that it was a majority. But it should be remembered that a candidate is always prone to see things coming his way even, if to the outsider who has an unobscured bird's-eye view of the situation, his chances are extremely small.

As a matter of fact Mr. Paterson, the opposition candidate, couldn't possibly have had a more gratifying meeting. Despite the fact the "pride and chivalry" of the government, yea the Premier himself, were on hand to nerve the arm of his opponent, the opposition champion carried the assemblage with a swing. Supporting him were those doughty campaigners Messrs. R. G. Tatlow, M. P. P., and John Oliver, M. P. P., while the government members present were the Premier, Attorney-General Eberts and Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P. The chair was occupied by W. Le Poer Trench, who opened the proceedings by calling on

Mr. Paterson.

The opposition candidate delivered an admirable address. It was a model of conciseness, and convincing in every detail—a true business speech by a business man, and one who means business. His reception was most cordial, and must have sounded like a knell to the little band of government representatives who in their blind fatuity may have hoped to carry an opposition meeting in a constituency they have so long wilfully disfranchised. After expressing his pleasure on being enabled to address so large an audience, Mr. Paterson launched directly into the main matter of his address. He had been accused, he said, of being on the fence, politically, and of being, therefore, unreliable. The government candidate, who by the way was prepared to follow his leader in everything whether right or wrong, had attempted to show that he was not sure of his position.

In answer to this he desired to state that if the policy of the present government was to be the same as that of its predecessor he would oppose it. (Applause.) If the government introduced measures calculated to advance the interests of North Victoria he would support them. But he held it his inalienable right to maintain his independence of thought. When measures were brought down affecting his constituency, if elected, he would always consult the electors regarding them and do his utmost in their behalf.

What was the government's policy especially in respect to railways? Its platform hadn't been defined. Its members had vaguely said that they desired to open up the country by railways, and would give away money and land subsidies to this end. They stated that the Canadian Northern would construct its road through the province, but that was as far as they would go. They had announced nothing else in the shape of a policy.

He had been accused of pessimism, the accusation being that he had endeavored to prevent the construction of railways. This he most emphatically denied, for there was none more favorable to the development of this province by railways than he. He had been a railway man all his life, and knew that the only way to open up a country was in this manner. But he would not vote to give away land and money for a road which could be secured without doing so. Officials of the Grand Trunk had stated that they would construct a line across the continent to the coast in five years, and operate every hundred miles as soon as completed.

In the face of this it would be absurd to give away large sums of money and land for the road to the coast.

Mr. Paterson then pointed out that neither the Canadian Northern, the Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific, nor Mackenzie & Mann had ever stated that Victoria would be the terminus of their road. They said it would be a terminus. Now every road had a number of terminals, but there was always one through which the greatest bulk of its business was done, and for the welfare of which the railway most energetically strove. He conceded that the construction of the Canadian Northern would benefit the province to a certain extent, but it must be borne in mind that the major portion of the business would be done at that terminal which best suited the purposes of the road.

The speaker then expalined why the coast terminal of a transcontinental road would undoubtedly be one of the ports on the northern part of Vancouver Island. Any of these places would have a great advantage over Victoria in the consideration of Oriental trade. A steamboat line operating between the Orient and Quatsino or Hardy Bay would get the cream of the trans-Pacific business for the transcontinental road with which it was connected. Another phase of the situation should be considered. As this Island was being developed branch lines would be constructed to the various mining and agricultural districts. A train leaving a northern Vancouver Island terminus for Victoria would there release coaches at the different branches so that when it arrived in Victoria it would be about the size of the present E. & N. train.

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It may leave with five hundred passengers, some of whom would be diverted at every branch, with the result that only the Victoria passengers would be brought to this city. The northern city would do the bulk of the business owing to its advantages, and Victoria business men would most certainly have to strive harder for their share of the Island and Mainland trade.

It would be obviously foolish to give $3,000,000 and twenty thousand acres per mile to the Canadian Northern in view of the recent statements by the Grand Trunk officials. As to the Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific, the speaker said it was merely a paper company, its only asset being the charter, owned by Mackenzie & Mann. There was nothing to show that the Canadian Northern ever had any dealing with the government. As a matter of fact they only wanted to secure the subsidy so that they could have something to sell to the Grand Trunk or any other company which desired to come to the coast. Mackenzie & Mann were known to be the greatest subsidy hunters in the country, acquiring subsidies from the different provinces and selling them to the Canadian Northern. While these two men may have an interest in the Canadian Northern they didn't control it.

The speaker then proceeded to show how in the course of a few years it would be an imperative necessity for transcontinental roads to come to the coast. Transportation people well knew that in five years five times the rolling stock now available would be required to carry the wheat from the Northwest and Manitoba to the Atlantic. This meant a large equipment and large number of men. These could not be lying idle a great part of the year, so the roads would be compelled to come to the coast. He predicted that in ten years or so there would be not one, but several lines running to this coast.

The Grand Trunk officials had stated that the coast terminus of their road would be at Port Simpson or thereabouts, which would give them an advantage of four days over the C. P. R. in Oriental traffic. If Victoria was the best point for this trade railways would come there. It wasn't necessary to tell Mr. Hays, manager of the Grand Trunk, and one of the keenest business men in the world, that a certain point was best adapted for his business. It would be better for this Island if the coast terminus of the Grand Trunk was at Simpson. If a subsidy of $3,000,000 were given any road to make its terminus at the north end of Vancouver Island, the people would be paying that sum to destroy business that should be tributary to Victoria. That northern city would soon have a larger population than either Victoria or Vancouver, and Victoria boats would be unable to compete with the steamers which would ply from there to the north and in other directions. Mr. Paterson enumerated the great natural wealth which a northern city would have behind it, making it impossible for Victoria to compete with it. Now, then, knowing that transcontinental lines would have to come to the coast, was it worth while paying out $3,000,000 and a land grant? If they had $3,000,000 to spend let it be expended in the development of this Island. (Applause.)

In concluding his splendid address, Mr. Paterson again assured the electors that if they returned him next Tuesday he would do his utmost to advance their interest. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. Robertson.

Before a politician goes out to the country to address a meeting he should spend a few hours in preparing a store of retorts, otherwise in repartee with a level-headed farmer he will be ignominously vanquished. Mr. Robertson, the next speaker, had a great many opportunities, for he was frequently interrupted. Instead of disregarding the interruptions and serenely continuing his remarks, he proceeded to cross swords with all of them, and quite naturally lost (or did he gain) a great deal of time.

In the commencement of his address he remarked that Mr. Paterson hadn't told his hearers one thing he intended to do if elected.

Mr. Paterson: "I told them I would vote against the government." (Laughter.)

Mr. Robertson then attempted to show that Mr. Paterson had changed in his attitude since December 3rd, and quoted an interview given by the latter to the Times in support of his contention.

He (Mr. Robertson) had no reason to alter his views. Col. Prior was a leader whom he was proud to follow. Mr. Paterson had just delivered an interesting address on railways, but the question was should the country wait for 20, 30 or 40 years for a line? No, let it be built now. The opposition candidate had said that the Grand Trunk would be built to the Coast without a bonus. Now it was well known that this railway wasn't a philanthropic institution, but was in the business to make money like the most of us—(ironical cheers and laughter).

Mr. Robertson: "I hear cheers, but all of us are trying to make money. You farmers are trying to make money."

Voices: "Yes, but we're not trying to grind axes."

Mr. Robertson: "Well, if Mr. Paterson's elected he will grind his own axe and not yours." The speaker then delivered a rather entertaining dissertation on the art of axe-grinding, receiving a number of interruption, all of which, however, were of the good-natured order. Mr. Robertson at this juncture also made one of the most interesting announcements of the evening as far as his policy was concerned. It was an announcement of abject servility to the government. He said that if the government brought down measures not in the interest of his constituency he would endeavor to persuade it to withdraw them. But if the majority of the government were in favor of those measures he would fall into line and support them.

Voice: "Whether they are right or wrong?"

In reply to this query, Mr. Robertson said if the electors hadn't sufficient confidence in Col. Prior they shouldn't return him (the speaker). He then proceeded to refer to the government policy on agriculture, but it must be confessed that his remarks in this direction consisted merely of glowing generalities.

As to railways, he said he was in favor of a road through the northern part of the province, and didn't care who built it provided Victoria was the terminus. He also favored the Coast-Kootenay road and another to Atlin, through the Kitimaat country. Railroads wouldn't come without a bonus, but he wanted to see conditions attached to a charter. Lands given companies should be open to settlers, the same as government land. A certain percentage of the company's gross earnings should be received by the government.

He stigmatized it an insult to the electors for the opposition to select an outsider to bear their colors in this constituency. This observation by Mr. Robertson didn't go down very far. The meeting was too solidly opposition for that. Mr. Robertson concluded his remarks by promising to do his best in the interest of the electors, and would treat all parts of the district with impartiality. After a few little verbal tilts with some of the audience, he resumed his seat amid the applause of his supporters.

The Premier.

Premier Prior was next called upon, but objected to speaking immediately after Mr. Robertson. He contended that it was unfair to have two government speakers follow each other. He insisted on an opposition speaker following Mr. Robertson.

The chairman reminded the Premier that the meeting was Mr. Paterson's, and he was simply reading the names in the order they appeared on the programme.

Mr. Paterson recalled to the Premier's mind the scant courtesy with which the opposition speakers had been treated at the government meeting on Mayne Island a few days previous. Then the Premier had arranged the speakers to suit himself. Col. Prior wasn't to run this meeting, and he could either speak in the order decided upon or refrain. If the government speakers were afraid to

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Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong winds, chiefly westerly, partly cloudy and colder, with occasional rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Moderate or fresh winds, partly cloudy and colder, with occasional rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, 16 miles S.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 16 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 32; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, 6 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, fair.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 8 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

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THEATRICALS AT SAANICH.

Very Successful Entertainments in the Agricultural Hall—The Players.

The amateur theatricals given on behalf of the Saanichton church in the Agricultural hall were very successful. The stage arrangements, and scenes, designed and ingeniously executed by C. E. Walker, being especially pleasing. Each of the parts was admirably sustained and the dresses were much admired, the pieces being "In Honor Bound" and "The Area Belle." The costumes of the second play were appropriate to a degree. The song from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance," by W. Le Poer Trench, was highly applauded, but every detail of the piece was so well presented that it would be unjust to further individualize. The performance has been a nine days' wonder for Saanich. During the interval Miss Atkinson drew sweet music from her violin, and Mrs. Butler, Miss G. Thompson, Mrs. Creighton and Miss Martindale from the piano. The following appeared in the sketches:

"In Honor Bound."—Characters—Sir George Carlyon, K. C., M. P., Mr. Bury; Philip Graham, Mr. W. Le Poer Trench; Lady Carlyon, Mrs. Le Poer Trench; Rose Dalrymple, Mrs. Bury. Scene, Sir George Carlyon's.

"The Area Belle."—Characters—Pitcher (in the police), Mr. W. Le Poer Trench; Tosser (in the Marines), Mr. Bury; Walker Chalks (a milkman), Mr. B. Tyrwhitt Drake; Mrs Croakers (the Missus), Mrs. Bury; Penelope (the servant), Mrs. Le Poer Trench. Scene, a kitchen.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the entertainment to a close.

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speak under those conditions they would have to wait until their own meeting.

There was some further cross-firing, and finally when the Premier found he couldn't have his own way he declined to speak, and the chairman called on Capt. Tatlow, who was received with applause.

Capt. Tatlow.

The captain, after a complimentary reference to the presence of ladies, alluded to the disfranchisement of the constituency by the government. He saw in the papers that the Premier recognized this, for in a speech at Fulford Harbor he admitted that the electors had been wrongly and shamefully treated.

The Premier: "I never said so."

Capt. Tatlow: "The Premier says he never said so. Then I gather that he considers the electors have been properly treated by the government."

This neat little turn on the part of the captain went home, and the Premier had nothing to say in reply. The speaker also alluded to the action of Col. Prior last session in voting with the government against a motion which would have given the constituency a member.

After scoring the administration for its unjust treatment of West Yale and the Canadian Northern contract, the captain went into an incisive criticism of the government's financial mismanagement. He pointed out that the provincial debt was close upon $12,000,000. This with interest and sinking fund made a standing charge of $480,000 per annum, and to this add railway guarantees $55,000, and there was a standing charge of $535,000, or nearly double what it was when the Dunsmuir government came into power. The revenue by the last statement, that of 1901, was $1,630,000, so that with the Canadian Northern subsidy of $3,000,000, and the Coast-Kootenay $1,000,000, without the other roads Mr. Robertson had referred to, the province will have a debt of over $16,000,000, and standing charges of $700,000 per annum, or nearly half its revenue, which must mean an increase of 50 or 60 per cent. in taxation.

This recently floated loan of $3,500,000, which realized under $3,000,000, was already wiped out by the overdraft of over $2,000,000, and the Fraser bridge contract for $750,000, which did not include extras, consequently the people may expect to find a new overdraft shortly commenced.

In regard to the flotation of this loan, they were told it was placed at 92. This price was paid in instalments of £5 on application on October last, £17 on November 28th, or £22 in the present year, 1902. But the interest commenced from July 1st last. Now the interest on £22 for the few weeks in this year was 1s. 2d., but they were paying £1 10s., or a bonus of £1 8s. 10d. The remaining payments were £20 on January 30th next, £25 on March 30th and £25 on May 29th, but as before interest on the full amount was going on. In other words, the interest on the money received during the year at 3 per cent was about 18s., and they paid £3, which reduced the amount netted by the loan from 92 to 90. But while they were allowing the purchasers of the loan to keep their money in their pockets, what about the overdraft this loan was intended to pay off? They were still paying the bank 4 per cent. for this, while they paid the people in England 3 per cent. This latter sum amounted to nearly £2 17s. on the £100, or about 5 per cent., reducing the net value of the loan from 92 to 87, and this without any allowance for underwriting, brokerage or other flotation expenses. This was the position of a people who were asked to undertake cash railway subsidies, in themselves only an initial expense, as the very country they opened up has to be equipped with schools, roads, trails, bridges and administration of justice for years before it made any appreciable returns to the treasury. Let the Dominion government take in hand these cash subsidies and leave the province to attend to these matters of administration. The population of the province was some 175,000, of this there were under 100,000 white workers who were asked to put their hands in their pockets and start on a scheme of colonization before they had received some of the necessaries of civilization themselves. If the electors did not desire a great increase in taxation, they must economize. Look at the civil service salaries. The public accounts showed they increased $40,000 in 1900 and $59,436 in 1901. In 1891 they amounted to $96,210; in 1901 to $232,013, in fact nearly trebled, while the population had not doubled. There was still an increase in the estimates for this year, 1902, while to economize a decrease of $140,000 was made in the estimates for roads, trails and bridges, the only one department in which an increase might perhaps have been justifiable.

In closing, Capt. Tatlow exhorted the electors to return Mr. Paterson, a man whose ability was acknowledged by all. There may be a change of government any time, and if elected Mr. Paterson's personality and attainments were such as to receive recognition in the formation of the cabinet. (Cheers.)

The Attorney-General.

The chairman then called on Hon. Mr. Eberts but the attorney-general irascibly refused to speak. "How many times do you require to be told, Mr. Chairman, that the government speakers refuse to speak?" he inquired savagely.

Mr. Oliver.

The last speaker, John Oliver, M. P. P. for Delta, delivered one of his usual forcible addresses, flaying the government on gross mismanagement of the provinces affairs. He scored them on their railway policy, or what stands for a policy, and their failure to collect dyking assessments after expending $100,000 on dyking. He showed up the precious contract between the government and Maclean Bros., which did not bind them to build a ferry to Vancouver Island. It was never intended to build the road to the Coast. The scheme was simply to subsidize the C. P. R. to construct a line from Midway to Spence's Bridge. He also sailed into the government for its conspiracy with the C. P. R. in the Columbia Western agreement to defraud the people of this province of 900,000 acres of the finest land in the province. He produced documentary evidence in support of what he said, and challenged members of the government to refute it. He also touched up the Grahame Island Railway Bill, which was to give 300,000 acres to a railway company which didn't exist. The bill was afterwards withdrawn.

Mr. Oliver closed his vigorous address by advising all present to vote for Mr. Paterson, and put on record their condemnation of an incompetent administration.

Cheers for Mr. Paterson and Mr. Robertson by their respective supporters and a vote of thanks to the chair brought the meeting to a close. Quite a number of ladies were present, the majority of whom were in sympathy with the opposition.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS CLOSE.

Entertainment at Sidney—Prizes Awarded at North Saanich on Friday Evening.

The annual entertainment of the Sidney school was given on Friday evening last. An excellent programme had been prepared under the charge of the teacher, Miss A. Currie, and her assistant, Mrs. J. J. White. The programme was as follows:

Instrumental Duet .....
..... Alex. and Edith Brethour
Recitation—Boys' Complaint ..... Wilson Armstrong
Song—Boy in Blue .....
..... Ellen Birquist and Alice Roberts
Recitation—What Are Little Girls Good For ..... Violet Simpson, Muriel Brethour, Harrison Kinzo.
Song—Put Me in My Little Bed .....
..... Eva Roberts
Comedy—Dr. Cure-All ..... By Scholars
William Brown taking part of Dr. Cure-All.
Doll Drill ..... 12 Little Girls
Instrumental Solo ..... Alex. Brethour
Song—When I Was a Baby...8 Little Girls
Hoop Drill ..... 12 Little Girls
Recitation—Little Willie ....Ira Brethour
Song—Tie That Binds .....
Ellen Birquist, Alice Roberts, Lillian Brethour, Joyce Brethour.
Dialogue ..... The Witness
Instrumental ..... Mrs. Critchley
Flower Drill ..... 12 Girls
Instrumental ..... Mrs. Critchley
Recitation—Jimmy Brown's Sister's Wedding ..... Jno. Brethour
Flag Drill and God Save the King.

A vote of thanks was tendered the teachers, being introduced by Rev. T. W. Wright.

In replying, Miss Currie thanked those who had assisted in making the exercises a success. The following donations were acknowledged: $5 from Hon. W. C. Wells, $5 from J. J. White, $2 from H. D. Helmcken and $1 from H. Moore.

The North Saanich school also held closing exercises on Friday evening. Among the numbers on the programme were songs by Clarence Jackson and Dorothy Williams, recitations by Elmer John, Ernest Jackson, Dorothy Williams and Nora Norris; singing by school of Christmas carols and other songs.

Prizes were awarded to Clarence Jackson for best kept exercise book, Minnie Horth, for exercise book; Lena Horth, for map of British Columbia; Archie John, for exercise book.

The schooner Treasure, from Brigue, Newfoundland, for North Sydney, has been given up for lost, with all on board. The schooner left Brigue 30 days ago and is supposed foundered in the recent gales with captain and the crew of seven men.

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THE MUD FLATS.

The work of reclaiming the James Bay flats is not proceeding with all the speed desirable. It was unfortunate the suction dredge was taken away to do some digging that it was absolutely necessary should be done without delay on the Fraser river. The King Edward will come again and will complete her job, but it is just a question whether it would not be well for the city to proceed in the meantime with the filling in of a portion of the flats adjoining the retaining wall in order that a street may be made and the unsightly—some say unsafe—old bridge removed and sent up in smoke before it goes down under the weight of its own infirmities. Ald. Mr. Candless has a motion on the bulletin board at the City Hall, which will no doubt be adopted, instructing the City Engineer to prepare estimates of the cost of the undertaking. There is still a large amount, we understand, to the credit of the city on account of the reclamation scheme, and we think it will be generally admitted that part of it could not be put to a better use than completing without delay a permenent roadway to take the place of the old structure, which is inadequate to the present demands of traffic, and is quite costly to maintain.

The man who has a constitutional objection to improvement and who always believes in leaving well enough alone, will of course arise and point out that if we only have patience all this will be done without a cent of cost to the city. There is at least an element of doubt as to the correctness of that proposition. Experts have been heard to express the opinion that there is not sufficient silt, sediment or substance at the bottom of the harbor to fill the flats up to the required level. That is something which has to be demonstrated. Still there is an element of doubt about it. Professional men are more likely to be right than amateurs. If the engineers should be justified by events, there will remain something for the city to do when the operations of the dredge are over. Would it not be just as well, under the circumstances, to complete the necessary part of the work without delay and let the dredge do the rest at her leisure? The idea of Ald. McCandless seems to be a good one.

TRIUMPH OF THE YEAR.

The year 1902 has reached the "seer and yellow leaf" stage. It has been an eventful span in the measure with which humanity divides the time that is relentlessly pushing all forward into the mysteries of eternity. But 1902 could not say farewell until it had recorded another of the triumphs of man, another of his victories over the elements, the perfection of another invention designed to bring the inhabitants of the far-divided parts of the world into closer communion, and perhaps to hasten the day of peace on earth and goodwill to men by increasing the facilities of the various branches of the race for gaining a better understanding of one another. The principles of goodwill permeate slowly, but they are making progress. A comparison of the conditions of the present day with those of a hundred years ago leave no doubt upon the point. The existing state of things is very far from satisfactory to the mind of the altruist. But old Father Time in his fight is carrying the world up to higher altitudes of thought and deed, and there still remains a hope that before the earth perishes from the way the millennium day will have dawned. According to scientists, the weather at that date will be none too genial. But we can afford to let that phase of the matter pass. We shall not be disturbed, except possibly in spirit. Besides the "scientific gents," even those of Chicago, do not "know all." The hand that guides the universe performs some mysterious acts.

The triumph of Marconi the Silent has come sooner than was expected. Wireless telegraphy is evidently going to be something more than a series of interesting experiments. It is greatly to the credit of the Dominion government that it discerned things that were apparently hidden from the wise men and gave the struggling young inventor all the assistance and encouragement in its power to persevere in his work. The completion of a practical system of wireless telegraphy will be the distinguishing event of the year 1902, and Signor Marconi will in the time to come probably stand out most prominently among the great figures of the time.

THE LEAVEN WORKING.

John Bull is very "sot" in his ways and is quite slow in taking up new ideas in trade and commerce. His offspring, especially the independent part of it, has been setting him some examples he is loth to folow. But the constant trickling of water will wear away a stone, and the influence of the western world is beginning to be felt even in conservative Britain. As long as the territories of the United States were confined to this continent the British paid no heed to laws which reserve the American coasting trade to American vessels. When the views of the expansionists prevailed, however, and Hawaii and the Philippines were brought under the flag some rays of light were flashed across to the British Isles. The coasting laws then appealed to the simple Briton with a new significance. The navigation laws of all the nations are formulated with the direct object of fostering the merchant marine of those nations. They have not been conceived with the object of striking a direct blow at British supremacy on the waters of the earth, but indirectly that is the effect they have. Now the United States has set an example, and the Steamship Subsidies Committee appointed by the British government has reported in favor of following it. It is by no means certain—in fact it is very improbable—that the government will adopt the advice. But even a report in favor of such a course is a long step forward, or backward, according to the point of view. The appointment of the committee was one of the results of the Colonial Conference. That conference has had several important results already in the way of recommendations and tentative propositions. By and bye the reports will all be lumped together and will lead to some step of momentous significance in the direction of Empire consolidation. That is a work that cannot be hurried. The present condition cannot last. The direction the movement shall take must depend a great deal upon the wisdom of the statesmen raised to conduct the affairs of the Mother Land and of the colonies, and upon the patience with which the people go about the work of consolidation.

The recommendation handed to the British government by the committee is that the Empire retaliate upon the United States and other foreign nations which exclude British and Canadian ships from their coasting trade by treating all shipping between ports of the Empire as engaged in the coasting trade. It is further recommended that British shipping be protected from unfair foreign intrusion by enacting that the ships of foreign nations be admitted to inter-Imperial trade only when equal privileges or compensating advantages are granted by foreigners to inter-British shipping. As we have said, the report will not be adopted hurriedly. That is not John Bull's way of doing business. He remembers the interests of merchants as well as the interests of transportation concerns. But the world will learn from the report that Great Britain is not asleep; that if she ever considers it necessary to retaliate she has the power, and that the weapon she may bring to bear is a very long range one.

British public men sometimes oppose each other with a good deal of warmth; but when the conflict is over, as a general rule, no trace of bitterness remains. At a public meeting recently Mr. John Morley made a manly reference to the personality and policy of Mr. Chamberlain, which we publish for the sake of convincing some readers of the Times that there are Liberals at home as well as in the colonies who are not so blinded by partisan prejudice as to be unable to do justice to one of the great public figures of the day. Mr. Morley said:

I don't mean to unsay a word that I have said about the war, but I have always thought that if Mr. Chamberlain had been at Bloemfontein when they got President Kruger to go down there from his fastness up in Pretoria—that he at one side of the table and President Kruger at the other—Mr. Chamberlain being an acute, practised negotiator, would have come to some sort of understanding. (Hear, hear and no, no.) I may be wrong, but, be that as it may, I confess that I regard with considerable confidence his visit. (Hear, hear.) And for this reason. In the formidable task of reconstructing that social fabric which was so rashly shaken to the ground—(a voice, "By Chamberlain")—in adjusting the different interests and overcoming those Imperial difficulties which lie deeper down than material difficulties—I think that we must admit that his fitness for the task which he has had the boldness to undertake is greater than that of any other man I can think of. (Cries of "No, no" and "Yes, yes.") Let us look. I say this not only by reason of his great acuteness, ability, and power, but from the fact that those persons in South Africa who at this particular stage are most likely to make difficulties well know that Mr. Chamberlain is their master—(hear, hear)—and that he represents the high-water mark of that spirit and feeling in this country which they lean upon, and that if he refuses concessions to their exorbitant demands, they may be quite sure there is nobody else who will grant them. (Hear, hear.)

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In the face of the following it cannot longer be held that the Chinese are slow to adopt Western manners: On the eve of Minister Wu's departure from Washington a young woman of his acquaintance said to him that she hoped to visit China some day, as what he had told her about his native country had been so interesting. "But you have never explained," she added, "why Chinamen take four or five wives." With a grave bow the Oriental diplomat said: "My countrymen take so many in order that they may find in all of them the beauties and accomplishments of one such young lady as you."

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Sir Charles Tupper has made the rather belated discovery that Mr. Tarte is the "smartest man in the Liberal party." That may account for the fierceness with which the ex-minister was assailed by the ex-leader when he (Mr. Tarte) was a member of the government. And why did Conservatives permit such an able man to leave the party? It is not possessed of a superfluity of men of brains at the present time.

HE DIDN'T SAY IT.

To the Editor:—The pessimistic utterances attributed to James J. Hill, and referred to by you on Saturday, were never made. In the Chicago Tribune of the 15th inst., two days later than the date of the alleged interview, he authorizes the statement that he had no interview with a reporter on the subject, and that the ideas credited to him were pure fancy. There should be a law to punish the coiners of spurious stuff that is calculated to unsettle the business and credit of a whole country. H.

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City News in Brief.

—John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purity.

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—Seats are selling at the theatre box office each day from 10 to 6 instead of at the Victoria Book & Stationery Store, owing to the Christmas rush now on at the latter place.

—In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixi H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

—The Daughters of Pity will meet tomorrow at the Royal Jubilee hospital and decorate the public wards. A Christmas tree will be arranged for each ward. An express will collect any evergreen or holly donated to-day or it may be left at Dean & Hiscock's. Contributions of small gifts will also be thankfully received by the society.

—The rehearsal this week for the musical festival will be held on Tuesday in the city hall, commencing punctually at 8 o'clock. Harriss's Festival Mass will be studied. The soloists selected by Sir Alexander Mackenzie are: Madame Ethel Wood, a powerful festival soprano; Wilfrid Virgo, a young English tenor, who has recently come to the front in England; Reginald Davidson, baritone, and Watkin Mills.

—The closing exercises for the Christmas holidays of the Metchosin public school were held on Friday. Great credit is due the teacher, Miss M. Godson, for the progress the children have made during the past half year. A Christmas tree at the hall in the evening for the benefit of the children was enjoyed by both old and young. The children gave an entertainment, consisting of singing and recitations, also a scarf drill and flag march. The latter called for an encore. After refreshments dancing followed, which was kept up until quite late. Altogether it was one of the most enjoyable evenings that have been had in the hall for some time.

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—The Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the drill hall Saturday evening was attended by over 800 people, who enjoyed the choice musical programme and the excellent extra attraction. The best numbers rendered by the band were Suppe's overture "Morning, Noon and Night," Milloecker's selection from his charming comic opera "The Beggar Student" and the euphonium solo by Malcolm MacGregor, who played "Way Down on the Swanee River," in a faultless manner, the variations being treated with excellent taste. The game of basketball between the Fernwood and Victoria West teams was won by the former by a score of 12 to 4. It has not been decided, as yet, what the extra attraction will be next Saturday evening, but in all probability it will be international basketball, Seattle vs. Victoria.

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—The marriage of Mr. Thos. W. Pierre, of this city, and Miss Jane G. Lee, took place in Portland, Oregon, on the 13th instant. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

—This evening Rev. Elliott S. Rowe will deliver a lecture in Labor hall upon "Workingmen in Politics." The address is given under the auspices of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners. In addition to the lecture a programme of instrumental music will be given.

—The committee of management of the Fifth Regiment ball had a large consignment of dainties remaining over after the function on Friday evening sent to the Protestant Orphanage. The management of the Orphanage extend their thanks to the committee, the gift being much appreciated by the children.

—At the Socialist party's meeting held in Labor hall last evening, an address by T. C. Watters on "The Evolution of the Class Struggle," was delivered, causing much discussion. A good-sized audience was present. The Socialist song books having arrived, songs were sung, with the aid of a lady instrumentalist. Next Sunday evening Dr. F. W. Morris will address the meeting on "Natural Principles of Taxation."

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—At St. John's church on Sunday evening there was a large congregation, the rector preaching an eloquent sermon on "Faith." At the conclusion of the service the last of the Advent series of organ recitals was given, at which the organist was assisted by some of the best vocalists in the city. Mrs. Currie sang the solo "Just As I Am," and Miss Lugrin gave "Waiting for the King." A. T. Goward's solo was "In Nature Worth," from the "Creation," and Gideon Hicks gave the bass solos, "Thus Saith the Lord," "But Who May Abide" and "For He Is Like a Refiner's Fire." Jesse Longfield played a viola solo, and played the concluding organ solo, an arrangement of the old Christmas hymn, which no doubt reminded many of the great festival so close at hand.

—Robert Downing and an excellent company will present "The Gladiator" at the Victoria theatre on Christmas night. Mr. Downing is probably better known in this play than in any other, having presented it over 3,000 times, and there are no doubt many in the city who have seen him in it and can attest to the excellence of the production.

—The Home Nursing Society desire to thank the following whose names were omitted in the annual report: Clothes and food, from the Friendly Help Association; parcel of clothes, from Mrs. Nicholles, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Wake, Mrs. P. Wollaston, Miss Carr, Miss Ramsdale and Miss Wollaston; a well-stocked maternity bag and clothes from the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters. The thanks of the society are also given to Mr. Goodacre for his kindness in carrying parcels.

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THE KENNEL.

MONTHLY SHOW.

The second monthly show of the Victoria Kennel Club will be held on the first Tuesday in January. Terriers of all descriptions will be judged on this occasion.

THE HUNT.

REGULAR RUN.

The regular run of the members of the Victoria Hunt Club was held on Saturday afternoon at Colwood. There was a good turn out and an enjoyable run was held. This week there will be two runs, the first on Thursday (Christmas day) from the barracks, and on Saturday from Hillside avenue.

THE TURF.

KARABEL AT 'FRISCO.

Of the doings of the Victoria mare Karabel in San Francisco, the Chronicle gives the following account:

"A wild killing was attempted in the first race with the mare Karabel, who is here from British Columbia. She was 200 to 1 in the betting, while 60 to 1 and 20 to 1 were obtainable for place and show respectively. Six horses came under the wire noses and heads apart. It was about the closest race of the season. The judges placed Handpress (108 lbs.) first, Karabel (111 lbs.) second, and Parsifal (105 lbs.) third. To several people in the press stand it looked as if Buck Taylor, who came very fast, was 'inside the money' for third."

BASKETBALL.

REGIMENTAL LEAGUE.

The Vancouver Sixth Regiment team and the Westminster A and B Companies' team met at New Westminster on Friday night. The latter won by 8 points to 6. The game started sharp on time, the officials being T. J. Mahoney, official referee, and Knight and Grant, umpires for Vancouver and Westminster respectively.

Regarding the play, it must be said that the Vancouvers understand the five-men game better than the New Westminster boys, who have heretofore played the seven-men teams. Their shooting was also better and every man on the team was dangerous when he got a chance. Westminster showed better staying powers, however, in the last half, which was fast from start to finish.

SATURDAY'S GAME.

The contest that has been looked forward to by many with considerable eagerness took place on Saturday evening when the Fernwood and Victoria West teams met for the first time this season. Victoria West struggled hard against last year's champions, but were unsuccessful, the score at the finish standing 12 to 4. This, however, does not accurately reflect the nature of the match. The shooting of the boys in green and white was inaccurate. The Fernwoods were decidedly the better in forward work, and there was little difference in the defence of the two teams.

In the first half the match was more even than in the last. The score was kept very close and an exciting finish was looked for. The first part of the second portion of the match closely resembled the start of the game, the score being kept even, but the Fernwoods finally drew ahead by good shooting and won out by the score mentioned. The teams were:

Fernwoods—Guards, Peden and Shotbolt; centre, Dalby; forwards, Peden and Marchant.

Victoria West—Guards, Andrews and Jacobsen; centre, Crocker; forwards, W. Fairall and C. Fairall.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

A close match was played on Saturday afternoon at the Canteen grounds between the Columbia and Egeria elevens. The kick off was taken by the local team, and for the first ten minutes neither team had any material advantage. The sailors, however, finally shot for goal, and the ball rolled under the goal keeper's hands. From this on the Columbia boys played up better and carried the ball well into the sailors' territory repeatedly, finally evening the score, Wilson doing the work. In the second half, the sailors did their best to score, but their efforts were fruitless, all onslaughts on the Columbias' goal being repulsed by Lorimer and Hughes. The game resulted in a drew, neither team adding to their score.

SOLDIERS WON.

The game played on Saturday afternoon at Work Point barracks between the Barracks and Naval Yard teams resulted in a win for the soldiers by a score of 5 goals to nothing.

CHESS.

J. B. A. A. TOURNEY.

The handicap final of the J. B. A. A. chess tournament, i.e., the winners of classes A, B, C and D, each class winner playing two games with the other class winners, will commence in a few days. Class A is represented by B. Williams; in B class Messrs. B. H. Hurst and C. C. McKenzie tie with 4½ wins to 1½ lost; C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., being next with 2 won and 2 lost. The tie between Messrs. Hurst and McKenzie is being decided by a match, the winner of three games (draws not counting) to play in the final round.

The first game—a Zukertort opening—was commenced on Friday and adjourned at 10.50 p. m., the umpire, Mr. Piper, sealing up the position and Mr. McKenzie's intended move. The time limit, 20 moves per hour, was regulated by stop clocks, which showed that Mr. Hurst consumed 1 hour 30 minutes over 35 moves, Mr. McKenzie using 40 minutes. Mr. Hurst is improving so rapidly that although in the late Robins tourney Mr. Piper was able to concede Mr. Hurst a queen, the latter is now able to hold his own at the odds of a rook.

In class C, P. T. Johnston won 4 all; F. Davey is next with 2½ won, 1½ lost; Mr. Brown, 3 won, 5 lost; D. Leeming and S. Child following in the order named.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

In its account of the intermediate Rugby match played on Saturday afternoon between Vancouver and Victoria teams, which resulted in favor of the former, the News-Advertiser says:

"It was a grand game, and the final score, 20 to 0, in no way reflects discredit upon the losing team, but rather redounds to the credit of the magnificent football played by Vancouver in every branch of the game. Forwards and backs worked together as one man, and had it not been for the splendid defence exhibited by their opponents' back division—especially of Patton and Gowen—the score would have been considerably larger.

"The Victorias seemed to have the advantage in weight in the forward line, but it was very little, if any, and their scrimmage work throughout was good. The Red and Whites never gave up the fight, and stuck to it manfully, never forgetting they were playing football, and on several occasions making matters look very dangerous for Vancouver; particularly upon one occasion, when Berkeley dribbled almost the entire length of the field and almost scored; in fact, if he had had any man to give him the least assistance, he would certainly have done so. Berkeley played a first-class game right through, and shared the honors with Patton on the three-quarter line. Sweetland, at half, also played a rattling good game.

"Amongst the forwards, Janion, Gallop, Austin and Shanks were very much in evidence and worried their opposing line considerably. Tackling on both sides was good. The first score was made by Donaldson. Then Allan got over from a beautiful pass from Brydone-Jack, the result of good fast combination among the three-quarters; Watson, giving to Allan, who passed to Johnston, the latter getting over in grand style, after a pretty run. This brought the game to half-time, with 9-0 in Vancouver's favor.

"In the first of the second half the Red and Whites were now holding their own and made charge after charge towards their opponents' goal line, but they found the Blues just as hard at defence as they were at aggressive work, and their fury and strength were without the results they were hoping for."

Vancouver, however, got several opportunities, and before the close had brought the score up to the twenty mark.

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Capt. E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, has received the information from Supt. Pulham, of the northern mail service, that the mail bags which were lost in Taku Arm have been recovered.

The mail which left Atlin on November 28th was carried by dog train under the charge of couriers Abbey and McIntyre.

The body of the unfortunate couriers had not been recovered when Supt. Pulham wrote to Inspector Fletcher. Only the sleigh and the mail bags had been found.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding Up Act and Amending Acts.

The creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 14th day of January, A. D., 1903, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to John Samuel Henry Matson, of the City of Victoria, the official liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said official liquidator, are, by their solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts and claims, at the Chambers of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Tuesday, the 10th day of February, A. D., 1903, at 11 a. m., at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D., 1902.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE, Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has, by an order dated the 15th day of December, A. D., 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Matson, of the MacGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above named Company.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D., 1902.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE, Registrar.

PINE CREEK POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of THE PINE CREEK POWER CO., LTD., will be held at the offices of A. L. BELYEA, K. C., No. 26 Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th day of January, 1903.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of December, A. D., 1902.

A. L. BELYEA, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Carolina Ferando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON.
G. ROBERTS.
By their attorney in fact, Josept Loewen.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 1902.

CAROLINA FERANDO.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the Sayward District of British Columbia, viz.: Lot 373 Sayward District, containing 163 acres more or less.

Dated 26th September, 1902.

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Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MACAULAY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executrix or to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of December, 1902.

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Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking Affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

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Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Jos. Keir, deceased, late of Somenos, Vancouver Island, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executrix will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall have then have had notice.

Dated this first day of December, 1903, Duncans, B. C.

JOHN N. EVANS, Attorney for Executrix, Martha Smithe, Duncans.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the St. George's Hotel, Esquimalt road, Victoria, from Stephen Harold Roblin and Phillip Crombie to Hugh Simpson, of Esquimalt, British Columbia.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.

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Take notice that at the expiration of thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for fishing purposes the foreshore (including the rights attached thereto) in Metchosin District, fronting a part of my property at Pedder Bay: Commencing at a post marked "A. T. W., N. E. Cor.," planted on the shore at a point between high and low water mark at or near the southerly end of the boundary line between the William Head Quarantine Station and my property, thence seaward in continuation of said boundary line one half mile, thence west one half mile, thence north to shore line and easterly along the shore line to place of beginning, and including the foreshore and land covered with water.

Dated at Victoria this 26th day of November, 1902.

A. T. WATT.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Crown Grant or a lease of the foreshore opposite my land, being a portion of the S. E. quarter of Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the S. E. ¼ Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, which is twenty-two chains eighty-five links south of the N. E. corner of the ¼ Section; thence in a south and westerly direction, following the shore line and crossing the slough at the narrowest point; thence in a southeasterly direction, following the shore line to its intersection with the southern boundary; thence east along such boundary to the middle of the channel; thence in a N. E. direction, following such middle line of channel to the eastern boundary, and thence following eastern boundary to point of commencement.

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Every tender must be open for acceptance by the trustees of the Yates Estate up to January 22nd, 1903, and the highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

J. STUART YATES, Agent for Trustees of James Yates Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK MURPHY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that probate of the will of Patrick Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1891, and codicils dated respectively the 14th August, 1894, and the 1st November, 1898, who died at Kelseyville, California, on the 10th day of November, 1902, was this day granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Samuel Perry Mills and Joseph Austen Sayward, the executors therein named.

And take notice that, pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria this 2nd day of December, 1902.

S. PERRY MILLS, 51 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the Executors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to revise and consolidate the following Ordinances and Acts, viz.:

The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867. The Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Aid Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873, and all subsequent amending Acts. The Waterworks Debenture Guarantee Act, 1874, and such sections and provisions of the General Municipal Clauses Acts of the Province as relate particularly to the government of the Municipality of the City of Victoria; also to amend the said Acts, by granting, among other things, to the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria power to pass by-laws for (among other things) any of the purposes, or any of the objects following, i. e.: To continue the existing Ward System, or to abolish the same; to provide, under certain conditions, for the inclusion of outlying districts in the City limits; to limit and define localities in which particular trades or businesses may be carried on; to regulate trades or businesses and the times of closing stores or shops, and to provide for Sunday closing; to prohibit or regulate trading by peddlers, hawkers, and petty chapmen; to erect public wharves and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct and operate gas and electric lighting and power and telephone systems; to adopt the existing sub-divisions of City lots and to regulate the further sub-divisions thereof; to administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath in civic enquiries; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years; to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee of the City; to make provision for the placing of telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property, and a fund for the superannuation of municipal officials and employees; to license clubs; to prohibit slaughter-houses within the city, or to prohibit and regulate existing slaughter-houses and cow-sheds or stables which may, in the opinion of the Council, be a nuisance; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings and the pulling down of buildings erected, removed or repaired in contravention of any by-law; also to validate the existing by-laws of the City; to make provision for the qualifications of voters, the mode of election to civic offices, and the conduct of elections, and the use of voting machines, and to deal with disputed elections and offences at elections, and corrupt practices; to provide for the compulsory ejectment of persons having unlawfully encroached upon the streets or roadways; to provide for the acquisition of additional watersheds and means of increasing the water supply; to provide for the acquisition of additional railways and tramways wholly or partially running within the city; and also to provide for such other amendments, powers and authorities as may be necessary or expedient for the public welfare and the government of the City of Victoria.

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(CHAPTER XII.—Continued.)

Day by day and week by week he struggled to paint some picture that should be worthy of himself, and day by day he felt that he was a failure. He could not rise to his own level, and before Christmas came he felt that he would never be able to do anything worthy again. It seemed to him as though his imagination were dead, as though skill had left his fingers, as though the power to do anything great had departed from him. His eyes had lost their vision, their sense of proportion. At best he was but a craftsman.

Critics might say that he was doing good and honest work, but he felt that there was no life in it, no soul, no vision.

With the advent of winter Phil came up to town again and every few days he walked across to Basil's studio to have a chat or smoke, or to watch in silence his friend working before his easel.

Now and then Basil longed to make inquiries about Dorothy, but with resolute will he refused to reopen the subject, nor did Phil volunteer any information. Hence, whether Dorothy was ill or well, whether sainted Elizabeth were still living or had been translated to the regions of the blest he did not know, and he tried to persuade himself that he did not care. Yet he did care all the while, and Dorothy was as often in his thoughts as in the first days of their acquaintance.

It is true that as the time passed away the poignancy of his grief and humiliation was somewhat dulled. Time took some of the sting out of his pain. He was able to contemplate the past with more calmness of mind and with somewhat less bitterness of heart.

One day Phil said to him as he sat smoking in his studio: "Where is your picture for next year's Academy, Basil?"

"I have not begun it yet," was the reply.

"Have you fixed upon a subject?' Phil inquired.

"No, and I am afraid I shall find nothing. The truth is I have no imagination, my power of vision seems to have left me completely."

"Oh, that is nonsense," Phil replied, cheerfully. "You will find something soon, though if you are to get it ready for the Academy you ought to be at work on it by this time."

"I fear I shall have nothing to send," Basil answered, moodily. "To tell you the honest truth I am losing heart."

"Oh, that will never do," replied his friend.

"That is what I say to myself," Basil answered, wearily, "and I do try my best, but somehow nothing suggests itself. I keep hoping and dreaming and making sketches, but nothing comes of it all. You see, I manage to paint a few pot-boilers and that is the extent of it."

"Your work is as good as ever it was," Phil said, cheerfully; "but, of course, you will have to live up to your last year's success."

"That is what bothers me," Basil replied. "I sometimes wish that that picture were at the bottom of the sea."

"Oh, nonsense! It ought to be a great inspiration to you."

"Instead of which it is the very opposite. It depresses me. I feel certain that I shall never be able to reach it again. The very thought of it gives me the creeps."

"It is not like you to grow despondent, old fellow," said Phil. "Besides, it is a very dangerous feeling to give way to."

"I know it, Phil," was the reply. "I am as conscious of it as anybody, and, really, I do fight my hardest and do my best. But what is the use? The power has gone out of me, and I am beginning to think seriously that the only way to preserve my reputation is to shuffle off this mortal coil and pass out quietly into the great silence where the struggle ends, where there is no more hope, nor fear, nor ambition."

"Oh, nonsense! That is the talk of a sick man," said Phil.

"My dear fellow I am sick—sick in mind and sick at heart."

Phil laughed uneasily. He had hoped that Basil had quite got over his disappointment, but it was very evident that the wound was rankling still.

A few days later when he called he found Basil a good deal more cheerful. He was sketching on a large canvas with a piece of charcoal.

"I've got an idea for a picture, Phil," he said, brightly. "I'm not certain yet that it will come to anything, but as I see it in my mind it looks promising."

"I've no doubt it will come out all right," Phil answered, cheerfully. "You only want a good subject and then you'll go ahead."

"I hope so, old man. But I shall be better able to judge in a week's time."

Before the week was out, however, he found himself stranded by an attack of influenza. He thought little of it at first, and concluded he was suffering from a too liberal allowance of Christmas fare.

Phil had gone back to Lynbrook and was entertaining a little house party there, and did not expect to be back in town again till the end of January.

As soon as Basil was able to get out of bed he tried to work again, but he quickly threw down his brushes. It seemed to him as though all the power had gone out of his fingers. He made two or three attempts during the next few days, but with the same result.

"I wonder what ails me?" he said to himself, staring at the canvas. "I don't seem to know exactly what I want to do. The thing was clear enough in my mind before I went to bed, but now I'm hanged if I know what I'm driving at."

So it came about that he would sit for hours staring at the rough outline on the canvas wondering what could be done with it.

Physically he felt no worse than he had felt many times before. He was still weak and listless, and his appetite was nothing to boast of; but a curious feeling that he could not define was creeping steadily over him.

Life was gradually losing its attraction, existence was becoming a burden. He felt that he was losing interest in everything. Nothing mattered, nothing was worth worrying about. Fame, riches, power, love were but vapours in the brain of a sick man, the foolish dreams of a demented world. The only people to be envied were the dead. The only place to be desired was the serene quiet of the grave.

His doctor found him one day with a big brush daubing out some sketches he had made.

"Hullo!" said the doctor. "Have you turned Iconoclast?"

"It is the only useful work I can do," he answered, with a pathetic smile.

"Not got back to par yet?"

"Oh, yes, I think so. I've no pain anywhere."

"But you've made no progress with your picture."

"Oh, no, I shall never finish it."

"Oh, yes, you will. It's the old story of influenza. But you'll get over the depression in a few weeks. If it wasn't the dead of winter I'd order you away for change of air. But just now you are as well here as anywhere else."

"Oh, I'm all right here," Basil answered, wearily.

"But you think you'll never be able to work again?"

"I'm sure of it."

The doctor laughed. "A third of my patients say the same thing when they are getting better. Don't alarm yourself a bit; you'll be as right as ever in a few weeks."

"I'm not alarming myself," Basil answered. "I'm so confoundedly indifferent I don't care what happens."

"Just so, just so," the doctor answered, looking grave. "It's the curse of this disease that it knocks all the nerve out of people."

"Oh, I don't know about that," Basil answered, quietly. "I feel in some respects as though I had more nerve than ever I had before in my life."

The doctor looked at him suspiciously, but for several moments said nothing. He knew only too well the dangers attending the mental depression that follows influenza, and he did not quite like the form it was assuming in Basil.

"I will send you a tonic," he said at length, "and in the meantime get out of doors as much as you can. Don't mope, get into company. Go to the theatre and don't attempt to paint pictures until you feel equal to the task."

Basil smiled when the doctor had gone; but it was a pathetic smile, such as steals over the faces of the sorrowful and broken-hearted.

For several days an idea had been slowly shaping itself in his mind. At first he thought it was a suggestion of the Evil One, and he fought against it as well he could, but it grew in spite of himself. He had no strength for battle. He had no power of resistance left.

Moreover, as the days passed away that which at the first made him shudder now wore an enticing face. To die! Ah! he remembered how once he shrank in terror from the bare idea. Life seemed everything and death a great horror from which he instinctively recoiled. But all that was changed now. Life was a horrible thing and death a gentle friend on whose soft bosom he would sleep in peace for ever.

He could easily end his life. There were a hundred ways of doing it, only it must be done in a way that would cause the least distress to his friends.

The doctor sent his tonic, but Basil did not even look at it. What did it matter? He had got beyond tonics and all other nostrums. He knew a cure for all ills. Death was the great healer, the universal friend if we only recognized it.

He had a few things to do. A few arrangements to make that would simplify the work of those who would have to administer his small estate, then he would quietly go away into the great silence and be forgotten.

He smiled frequently now, for there was something positively fascinating in the idea that possessed him. Moreover, all his worry was over. He listened like one in a dream to the roar of the London streets, and thought with a strange feeling of pity of those who strove and wrestled and fought. What was the use of it all? Why did men disquiet themselves so and weary themselves for nothing?

Ah, well, he had got beyond that. The region of strife and anxiety and foreboding he had left behind. He was impatient to put his few things in order so that he might escape away and be at rest.

(To be continued.)

Current History for December gives its usual comprehensive and exact survey of mankind "from China to Peru." No great nation is overlooked, and all important on-goings, even in comparatively obscure corners, get chronicled in this busy man's record of the world's events. The Canadian Premier sits for the frontispiece portrait this month, and the illustrations throughout are numerous, clear and true to the purpose of this magazine, which, in a unique way, combines entertainment with instruction. The number starts out with a group of "the world's leader" at the present day. Articles on Newfoundland and the Maories of New Zealand follow. Then comes the department on "International Affairs," leading to the usual graphic round-the-world record. The number is completed by valuable supplementary departments on Science, Education, Sociology, Art, Literature, etc., which are devoted to topics of the times. Sample copy free on application. Address Current History Co., Boston, Mass.

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IN LODGE CIRCLES.

Gizeh Temple Fully Organized on Thursday Evening—Daughters of England Elect Officers.

Undoubtedly the principal event in lodge circles during the past week was the first ceremonial session of the newly instituted order of the Mystic Shrine, the headquarters of which are located in Victoria. Gizeh Temple, as it has been christened, is now fully organized, boasting of a fair membership.

The regular meeting of the Pride of the Island Lodge, Sons of England, held on Tuesday last, was well attended, and being the last meeting this year there was a lot of business to be dealt with. The banquet committee reported that all bills in connection therewith had been paid, and that as a whole the twelfth annual dinner had been a success. The P. O. I. Lodge will not meet again until Tuesday, January 6th, when the installation of officers will take place. The new district deputy, Bro. J. Nankeville, will be the installing officer.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 116, S. O. E., met on Wednesday last. Five candidates were initiated and 14 new applications were read. Bro. J. T. Croot reported all matters connected with the banquet were wound up, all bills having been paid and that they had come out the right side. The next meeting of Alexandra Lodge will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, when District Deputy Bro. J. Nankeville will install the new officers.

Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F. O. E., met in regular session in Eagle hall, Adelphi block, on Wednesday last. There were several new applications for membership, which were in due form referred to the investigation committee for action. Owing to the regular meeting nights falling on Christmas eve and New Year's eve, the Aerie decided not to hold another meeting until Wednesday, January 7th, and on that night the installation of the newly elected officers will take place. One of the grand lodge officers will in all probability be present for the purpose of installation.

The Daughters of England have elected officers as follows: P. Pres., Bro. W. Jones; W. Pres., Sis. Ichester; Vice Pres., Sis. Nute; chaplain, Sis., Davie; secretary, Bros. J. G. Taylor; treasurer, Sis. Temple; first guide, Sis. Foster; second guide, Sis. Bowden; third guide, Sis. Lofts. The Daughters of England have added largely to their numbers during the past year, and in view of the expected increase during 1903 they have been compelled to take the large hall of the K. of P., at the corner of Douglas and Pandora.

On Friday evening at the A. O. U. W. hall the regular meeting of the local Camp of the Woodmen of the World, No. 52, was held. There was little besides routine business transacted.

It is the intention of the I. O. O. F. lodges of this city, namely, the Dominion, Victoria and Columbia, to give a joint banquet on the evening of January 12th. Committees have been appointed to represent each lodge on a general committee, and a meeting was held recently to make arrangements. Another meeting of the general committee will be held this evening, when further preparations will be discussed.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of the Maccabees last week officers were elected as follows: Com., R. Margison; Lieut.-Com., Geo. Miller; record keeper, James Bell; finance keeper, P. F. John; sergeant, Geo. Mulloy; chaplain, Wm. Minty; master-at-arms, Wm. F. Crockford; first master of guards, Richard John; second master of guards, Jno. C. Droob; sentinel, Wm. Waring; picket, Jno. S. Adams. After this business was transacted the members proceeded to Levy's restaurant, where they partook of a tasty repast.

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Those interested in the deep sea navigation will learn with some surprise that sailing vessels now leaving for South Africa are choosing the route by way of Cape Horn. Speaking of the matter in Seattle a few days ago Capt. Williams, of the barque Lyderhorn, whose vessel lay in Esquimalt for several weeks before securing a charter to load lumber at Ballard, said:

"It is easily possible for steamers to make their way via Australia or Hawaii to South Africa and to deliver cargoes to that part of the globe without any difficulty. But sailing vessels are compelled now to choose a new route and they will go via Cape Horn. If a sailing vessel were to attempt the voyage to South Africa direct it would encounter strong westerly winds all the way and the trip would be exceedingly stormy from the time it left the straits of San Juan until it arrived in South Africa.

"I have been in command of vessels running out of the Sound for a good many years, but this is the first season when I have found it necessary to round the Cape of Good Hope in order to reach a port in South Africa on the Pacific ocean side of that continent. But by taking a course down the coast of the two Americas and rounding Cape Horn, then steering a little to the north and going about Good Hope we will have favorable winds all the way.

"The weather on the outside is extremely disagreeable at present and will continue so for some time. It is not necessarily dangerous, but it retards the passage of vessels and quick time is what we are all after.

"Charters are going begging now and vessels are lying in the Royal Roads or at Townsend, seeking, for a long period. I was compelled to lay by there for some time before I took a lumber charter, and other vessels which came here to get wheat or other profitable charters are still tied up waiting a good offer. I do not believe the weak charter market will prevail here for a long time, but at present conditions are decidedly unfavorable. In fact lumber is practically the only cargo moving."

SEALERS SIGN ARTICLES.

After New Year's there will be a general exodus of sealers from the city. Although the start will not be as early a one as twelve months ago those vessels going to the Japan coast will be getting away as soon as possible. These vessels, as heretofore stated, will be the Triumph, Carlotta G Cox and Geneva. The first named will be in charge of Capt. Burns, the second in command of Capt. Nelson and the third will be taken out by Capt. Jones, who during the last few years has been doing stevedoring work along the waterfront. These masters all signed articles for the voyages on Saturday, and will secure white crews. Hunters, however, are holding out this year for increased pay, and are asking 50 cents a pelt more wages.

NELLIE THURSTON RETURNING.

A report published in the Seattle Times conveys the news that the Nellie G. Thurston, the schooner operated by the Pacific Fish & Cold Storage Co., of Nanaimo, is returning with few fish on board. The report says that the crew after having sought in vain for halibut in various places have forced the captain of the vessel to head for home. The name of Capt. Johnston is connected with it, he being given as the master of the vessel.

This is a mistake, as Capt. Johnston did not leave in charge of the schooner on her last trip. The vessel left Nanaimo about July 25th with Capt. Madden in command.

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—The honorary treasurer of the Royal Jubilee hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the usual Christmas donation of $25 from F. W. P.; also of $5 from Geo. T. Fox.

—The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the Metropolitan Methodist church will be held Tuesday, December 30th. The programme will be of a character appropriate to the occasion.

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—R. P. Rithet & Co., agents for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, have been advised that the steamer Umatilla will not sail until Friday evening. Her regular sailing date falls on Christmas evening, and the detention, it is presumed, is due to the desire of the company to give the crew a day ashore.

—The wedding of Capt. A. L. Hall, of San Francisco, and Miss Bertha E. Bernard, of Coldwater, Mich., is now announced. The event took place in this city on the 16th of July, 1901, the ceremony being performed by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge. Capt. Hall was master of the ill-fated Walla Walla at the time she went down, and is now in command of the Queen.

—The Victoria High school has been granted affiliation with McGill University. City Superintendent F. H. Eaton having received a letter from Dr. Peterson, president of the big eastern institution, conveying this welcome intelligence. Some time ago on application of the school board the High school was incorporated under the name of Victoria College, the object being affiliation with McGill. This was necessary under the laws of the university. By this arrangement Victoria High school pupils may take a first year's university course in this city.

—Victoria and Barracks hockey teams play a league match next Saturday. The Victoria team will be chosen at a committee meeting to-morrow. Several new men have been turning out for practice, and probably new talent will be noticed in the line up. Both teams are determined to win. The Barracks has now six points to their credit, having defeated Vancouver once and Navy twice. Victoria has two points, having beaten the Navy in the only match so far played. This match will be played at Oak Bay, and promises to be the fastest struggle ever seen here.

—The special Christmas services held yesterday at the Centennial Methodist church were largely attended. The auditorium was neatly decorated with flowers, ivy and holly. In the forenoon the pastor addressed a mass meeting of school girls and boys, and in the evening he took for his subject "The Ideal King and Kingdom." To-morrow evening the Sabbath school children will be given their annual Christmas treat. A cantata, "The Coming King," will be rendered by the children. Santa Claus will then make his appearance and give an interesting talk, after which prizes will be distributed. A first-class musical programme is also being arranged.

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